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SUBJ: GOY COMMENTS TO BRITISH CONCERNING US POLICY

1. SUMMARY. YUGOSLAV DEPUTY FONSEC PETRIC TOLD BRITISH DEPUTY TO PERMANENT UNDER SECRETARY BRIMELOW APRIL 26 YUGOSLAVS UNEASY ABOUT AMERICANS ACTING " IN A TACTICAL WAY" TOWARD THEM OVER PANAMA SC MEETING -- " YUGOSLAVS NOT GUILTY" (OF CAUSING AMERICAN DEFEAT) -- AND OVER SC MEETING ON ISRAELIS' BEIRUT RAID -- LETTER TO FONSEC MINIC FROM SECRETARY ROGERS WAS " FORM OF PRESSURE" WHICH YUGOSLAVS COULD NOT ACCEPT, EVEN IF IT HAD BEEN SUBSTANTIVELY APPROPRIATE, BECAUSE OF BAD PRECEDENT IT WOULD SET FOR " OTHERS." END SUMMARY.

2. DAVID BURNS OF BRITISH EMBASSY TOLD EMBOFF APRIL 27 HE WOULD GIVE US FULL RUN- DOWN NEXT WEEK ON BRIMELOW TALKS IN BELGRADE APRIL 25 AND 26. IN MEANTIME, HE WANTED US TO HAVE COMMENTS PETRIC HAD MADE REGARDING US POLICY. BRIMELOW HAD STRESSED IMPORTANCE KISSINGER SPEECH DURING FIRST DAY OF HIS TALKS WITH PETRIC. BY NEXT DAY PETRIC HAD READ SPEECH HIMSELF AND SAID YUGOSLAV DIPLOMATIC POSTS HAD BEEN ASKED TO SEND IN THEIR ESTIMATES OF SPEECH. HE COMMENTED IT WAS STRANGE SUCH AN IMPORTANT POLICY INITIATIVE HAD NOT BEEN
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DISCUSSED IN ADVANCE WITH AMERICA' S ALLIES; " EVEN BRANDT"

HAD KNOWN NOTHING AHEAD OF TIME ABOUT SPEECH.

3. PETRIC SAID GOY HAD FEELING OF SOME UNEASINESS THAT US WAS ACTING " IN A TACTICAL WAY" (A) TOWARD ITS ALLIES, AS WAY OF TRYING TO SOLVE DOMESTIC PROBLEMS, POLITICAL AND ESPECIALLY ECONOMIC AND (B) VIS- A- VIS NON- BLOC STATES: FOR EXAMPLE, IN DISCUSSION OF PANAMA AT SPECIAL SC SESSION US HAD NOT BEEN CAREFUL IN CHOICE OF WORDS USED WITH LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES. US HAD SUFFERED DEFEAT OVER PANAMA ISSUE, BUT YUGOSLAVIA HAD NOT BEEN GUILTY (OF CAUSING AMERICAN DEFEAT) -- " YUGOSLAVIA HAD BEHAVED AS OTHERS DID." AND IN CONNECTION WITH SC MEETING ON ISRAELI ATTACK AGAINST LEBANON YUGOSLAV FONSEC HAD RECEIVED DIRECT MESSAGE FROM SECRETARY ROGERS. THIS YUGOSLAVS CONSIDERED TO BE " A FORM OF PRESSURE". THEY HAD NOT KNOWN BEFORE THAT US WAS TRYING TO " INTERVENE" IN THIS WAY. YUGOSLAVIA WAS NOT CLEAR ABOUT US: WAS US TRYING TO " GAIN NEW GROUND" OR WAS IT JUST NERVOUS? IF TRYING TO GAIN NEW GROUND, WAS TIMING SO AS TO BE BEFORE BREZHNEV VISIT TO US?

4. PETRIC TOLD BRIMELOW HE HAD APPROVED DRAFT GOY REPLY TO SECRETARY; YUGOSLAVS WERE TELLING ROGERS FRANKLY THAT THEY WERE NOT GOING TO ACCEPT SUCH PRESSURE. EVEN IF ACTION (SOUGHT BY SECRETARY) HAD BEEN SUBSTANTIVELY APPROPRIATE, ACCEPTING (US PRESSURE) WOULD SET BAD PRECEDENT FOR " OTHERS." (BURNS SAID IT WAS CLEAR PETRIC MEANT ONLY SOVIETS.)

5. BURNS ASKED THAT SUBJECT MATTER THIS CONVERSATION NOT GET BACK TO YUGOSLAVS.

6. EARLIER, DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF FSFA OFFICE FOR INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS JAZIC TOLD EMBOFF AT SOCIAL EVENT THAT LANGUAGE OF SECRETARY' S LETTER TO MINIC (ON SC MEETING RE ISRAELI RAID) WAS TOO ROUGH IN TWO OR THREE SENTENCES, ESPECIALLY FOR SOMEONE NEW TO FOREIGN POLICY (MINIC) AND " VERY SENSITIVE" TO ANY OVERTONES OF BIG POWER TELLING SMALL POWER WHAT TO DO. JAZIC HAD SAID HIS COMMENTS WERE NOT MADE ON BASIS OF INSTRUCTION.

7. COMMENT: YUGOSLAV REACTION TO SECRETARY' S LETTER UNEXPECTED, CONFIDENTIAL

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AND EXACT NATURE GOY OBJECTIONS UNCLEAR TO US AT THIS POINT. ASSISTANT SECRETARY TOPALOSKI, WHO RECEIVED LETTER, WAS INFORMED THAT IT WAS BEING SENT SIMULTANEOUSLY TO SEVERAL OTHER SC MEMBER COUNTRIES. AFTER READING IT CAREFULLY HE PROCEEDED COMMENT ON ITS SUBSTANCE, IN LIGHT WELL- KNOWN YUGOSLAV POSITIONS, AND EXPRESSED APPRECIATION OF OPPORTUNITY TO EXCHANGE VIEWS ON SUBJECT. HE GAVE NO INDICATION THAT LETTER CONSTITUTED " PRESSURE." WE BELIEVE IT POSSIBLE THAT THIS REACTION IS CONNECTED WITH BRUISED YUGOSLAV FEELINGS (WHETHER REAL OR

FEIGNED) OVER OUR REPRESENTATIONS CONCERNING THEIR ACTIVITIES
AT THE PANAMA SC MEETING.
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